MRAC Board Meeting Monday Feburary 25, 2002 6:45 PM Tom Fuszard's 2505 S. Calhoun Rd.#203 (west side of Calhoun, between Lincoln and Cleveland - park on Calhoun), 262-789-7975

- Minutes

- Treasurer

- Thanks to Tom for having us

- Future board meetings - Mar - ?, April - me, May - Jim, June - probably restaurant as could be a big crowd w/new officers?

- Meetings - Thursday - ?
March - Audience Participation - How I got started and who helped?
April - Matt on attic wire antenna install + nominations
May - Auction + elections
June - ???

- VEC

- Discovery World
Brief discussion last month, Don Doss talked at Jan meeting.
I brought maybe could use them for radio "storage". It could also be a repeater location, but not necessilary first choice.

- Classes
Extra in progress
Of course the perennial question about code practice. Dick has been in and out of the hosipital again and has publically said he wants someone else to take over - last session was 2 weeks ago. Beginners class with John also stopped. Do we do this or not - comments? Whose arm do we twist?

- Special Event Operation for MRAC 85th birthday - Weekend of March 16-17
Need operators to work various bands/times from home stations using W9RH call sign
Need to talk it up and of course need operators

- Contest committee - Still no takers for Field Day/Contest Committee

- Misc
John Kraak, Sherm Swanson and Jack Hughes have volunteered to be the nominating committee. It's in their hands now. Give them suggestions if you have any (or if you want to run for the same or different office).

- Budget
Finally?
Continue Chatter at 6 week intervals?
Any other ideas for this year?

- Repeater (featured topic)
The featured topic for at least the first 6 months of this year (until I'm out as Prez) is the repeater.
How does the board feel about the repeater?
Main issues:
Should we keep it? I guess.
Should we get something else going on it? Theory classes? Speciality net (Moddel RR, Airplanes, SWL, whatever)
Need a new location within a year (2 at latest). Could use Discovery World, though not the best repeater site. Main requirement is free rent. ELectricity and telephone would be nice too (though I guess we could pay for an extremely limited phone (only incoming calls). New location also means new technical crew.
What about equipment? Should we start looking at alternatives, at least for testing? Even purchasing something to try would be less than $500. If it was no better we could sell it and get our money back. We should invite Dave Karr to talk to the board (he has offered) about equipment.
What about money? - How to finance anything regarding it?

- ARRL Survey

- PR